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DAY LEAD FOUNDATIONS
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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 1 (UPI)-

REP. WRIGHT PATMAN, D-TEX., FRESH FROM A MYSTERIOUS ENCOUNTER WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), TURNED HIS ATTENTION TODAY TO THE H. L. HUNT FOUNDATION.

PATMAN SUMMONED INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) OFFICIALS TO A HEARING BY THE SMALL BUSINESS SUBCOMMITTEE HE HEADS. THE PANEL HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS.

THE TEXAS DEMOCRAT WANTED TO ASK THEM ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE H. L. HUNT FOUNDATION, WHOSE SPONSOR IS REPUTED TO BE ONE OF THE NATION'S RICHEST MEN.

HUNT, WHO IS FROM DALLAS, TEX., HAS ESPOUSED CONSERVATIVE CAUSES. THE "LIFELINE" BROADCASTS THAT HIS FOUNDATION SPONSORS ARE CARRIED BY SEVERAL HUNDRED RADIO STATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

PATMAN HAS LIMITED HIS EFFORTS CHIEFLY TO THE BUSINESS END OF FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES. HE HAS TRIED TO FIND OUT WHETHER BUSINESSMEN OR WEALTHY PERSONS WERE USING THE FOUNDATIONS TO KEEP PART OF THEIR FORTUNES FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR.

HE GENERALLY HAS NOT LOOKED INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A FOUNDATION WAS TRULY PERFORMING EDUCATIONAL OR CHARITABLE DEEDS -- THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A TAX EXEMPT STATUS.

BUT YESTERDAY PATMAN TOOK A SIDE TRIP AND BECAME EMBROILED WITH THE SUPER-SECRET CIA.

MUCH TO THE EMBARRASSMENT OF THE AGENCY AND THE IRS, HE ANNOUNCED AT THE OPENING OF YESTERDAY'S SESSION THAT THE CIA WAS SECRETLY SLIPPING MONEY TO THE J. M. KAPLAN FUND.

FOUNDED BY NEW YORK FINANCIER J. M. KAPLAN, THE FUND'S TAX-EXEMPT STATUS HAS BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION BY THE IRS. PATMAN HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE IRS, CLAIMING THAT THE AGENCY ISN'T PROCEEDING FAST ENOUGH.

HE ALSO HAS SAID SOME UNKIND THINGS ABOUT KAPLAN, ACCUSING HIM OF USING HIS FOUNDATION TO GAIN CONTROL OF COMPANIES.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE IRS CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED PATMAN THAT THE CIA HAD CONTRIBUTED SOME MONEY TO THE KAPLAN FUND.

PATMAN SAID YESTERDAY HE WAS MAKING THIS FACT KNOWN AND BREAKING THE CONFIDENCE BECAUSE HE FELT HE HAD BEEN "TRIFLED WITH" BY THE CIA. HE ACCUSED THE CIA OF NOT COMING UP WITH ALL THE INFORMATION HE REQUESTED.

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